

What Can These Illustrations Teach Us About Our Ministry?

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I might remember; involve me and I’ll understand.
--- A Chinese Proverb

“Leaders are developed as knowledge..., experiences... and coaching... converge.
---- Eric Geiger, *Designed to Lead*

How would it change the way we think and act if our title was changed from Sunday School teacher to *Leadership Coach*?

Management is doing things right;
Leadership is doing the right things.
--- Peter Drucker

Culture eats strategy for breakfast.

If a doctor told us how to improve our health, what would he say?
He might mention things like smoking, drinking, diet, exercise, sleep, stress, our relationships, dental health and regular checkups.
One of those lifestyle changes is good, two changes are better, several changes is best.
How many changes are we willing to consider for our small group health?

To improve your physical health, three things will help:
first, you must have a conviction that it is a good thing to exercise;
second, you should go buy some tennis shoes;
third, find a partner to walk with you every day.
It’s the same in developing our small group health:
be convicted that intentionality is necessary, use some helpful tools,
and grow a supportive culture where many people are helping you.

His will is not a map, it’s a match.
He shows you the way by setting you on fire.
--- Erwin McManus, *The Last Arrow*

I was invited to go on a mission trip to a prison – I got to choose between minimum security or maximum security. I had three choices – stay comfortable at home, be uncomfortable in minimum security, or be scared in maximum security When it comes to trying something new, to attempting change, I think it’s better to try something scary and maybe see God do something incredible.

--- Garry Goodin, Mid State Baptist Association